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SUBJECT: Information on Dr. Emerich OFFICZAREK's
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1. One of OFFICZAREK's close collaborators is undoubtedly Dr. Otto SCHOTT, acting manager of Linz Hibelungen Verlag and Bucherdienst Speck & Co. SCHOTT provided OFFICZAREK a cover employment with his enterprise. SCHOTT's activity for OFFICZAREK is not known in detail; probably he only furnished him with information on political personalities and was helpful in establishing contacts with persons considered suitable as agents for OFFICZAREK's organization. The Hibelungen Verlag office was doubtlessly used as letter drop and agent meeting point.
 2. One of SCHOTT's main connections is Dr. Ludwig JEDLIČKA, Vienna, a former HJ leader, who succeeded in winning Catholic and OAVF conservative circles' confidence. He contributes to Dr. FUEHRER's "Oesterreichische Kirche", holds friendly connections with Nationalrat Dr. Adolph LUDWIG, whom he assists in his activity for the European movement, and has allegedly free access to Foreign Minister Dr. Kurt SCHUSCHNIG and also to a number of high-ranking Vienna Catholic relatives. JEDLIČKA is believed to work for Soviet intelligence. Allegedly he held connections with the Soviets already during the battle of Vienna. One of JEDLIČKA's closest friends is Dr. Boris BORODACHEVYCH who collaborated with the Soviets at least until the end of 1950. In 1949 - possibly also later - JEDLIČKA, for a small salary, collected information for Dr. Wilhelm GUTTL. In fall 1950, Dr. SCHOTT tried to come into contact with Linz Freemasons; his application for membership was supported by Dr. Ulrich BERENIG, head of Linz Freemasons, and Linz Kolizeum director of Dr. Franz RUMPLER. It is unknown whether SCHOTT became a mason.
- Dr. SCHOTT is also dealing with Linz "Austria Club", which mainly consists of liberal-minded members of Linz society. SCHOTT had been introduced to such circle by old Russian

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emigrant Dr. Georg v. DOX, Lins, Glimpfingerstrasse 87, who is employed with the Lins Information Center and also lectures on Russian language and literature.

3. Officially, the intelligence connection between SCOTT and OFFCZAREK was dropped in July 1951 at the latest, when the OFFCZAREK group was dissolved and re-established on a smaller scale. At the end of February 1951, SCOTT was seen receiving a bunch of banknotes from OFFCZAREK. However, meetings between SCOTT and OFFCZAREK still continue. The collaboration between SCOTT and OFFCZAREK was tolerated by HOETTL. Apparently HOETTL thought it wise to maintain at least indirect connection with OFFCZAREK. Occasional conversations between HOETTL and OFFCZAREK took place, the last one, as far as is known, in fall 1951.

4. OFFCZAREK's main assistant, apart from Martin SCHMIDT, was Harry EAST, Lins, Bethlehemsstrasse 1 d, whose task was to compile incoming information into reports and to supervise the couriers. Probably recommended by SCOTT, EAST secretly collaborates with HOETTL since late in summer 1951. At the end of February 1952 he was fired by the G-Organization because of his contact with HOETTL. Since such time he is paid by HOETTL personally.

5. Already in 1949, OFFCZAREK had been warned about Dr. GERT WEBSSELY by different parties, among them EAST; OFFCZAREK passed such warnings on to WEBSSELY advising him to carefully avoid anything that could make him appear a Soviet agent. It is an established fact that OFFCZAREK knew the reasons for such suspicion.

6. a- WEBSSELY's wife Susanne repeatedly visited her husband at Lins, when she was still living in Budapest;
- b- when WEBSSELY stayed at Old Hall in fall 1949, he went several times by automobile into the Soviet zone via Steier;
- c- WEBSSELY is in close contact with the Communist-controlled "Volksstimme" agency. Y-Set since 1 to 14 January 1951, he secretly met WEBSSELY in Lins-Landwehr at the home of Oberbaurat Franz SCHIEFFHALER;
- d- WEBSSELY is on friendly terms with Arnold KNOKE, editor with the Communist daily "Volksstimme". KNOKE is a former member of the "Volksstimme" and is now a member of the "Volksstimme" and is connected with the "Volksstimme" under the cover name of KNOKE.

- e- on 10 January 1952, WEISELY published an article "Von Otto Eabsburg zu Canaval" with the Vienna Communist daily "Der Abend". Such article was passed on to the "Abend" editorial staff by Hugo FRISCHMANN, deputy editor-in-chief with the Linz Communist daily "Neue Zeit";
- f- When in Salzburg, WEISELY reportedly stayed over the night at the home of Elisabeth ERISWASSER, who presently holds two rooms in reserve for Communist agents passing through Salzburg. Such fact is known to Salzburg State Police;
- g- on 25 January 1951, WEISELY had a conference with two Soviets in mufti at Erfuhr Hotel Achleitner; the room had been booked by the Erfuhr Kommandatura;
- h- as Upper Austrian correspondent of "Salzburger Nachrichten" WEISELY has free access to all business enterprises in Upper Austria. This enables him to interview the managers of important Upper Austrian plants and factories. Information thus collected have however only scarcely been used by him for articles;
- i- contact also exists with VOEST employees Dr. Friedrich VOESTL, secretary to Ing. FALKENBACH, and Dipl. Ing. FRATZ (fnu). WEISELY intended to become press manager with VOEST through intermediation of the two above, but failed (1950);
- j- WEISELY's expenses by far exceed his income from Journalism, U-Or organization and from his partnership with the Linz iron trade firm S. ERNST-HEITZELBERGER. For instance, he spent AS 25,000. for Christmas presents to his wife in 1949, AS 30,000. to 35,000. for a new apartment at Linz, and high sums for a vacation at Naples (summer 1950).

7. Among WEISELY's wide-spread connections the following should be mentioned in addition:

- a- Director Dr. Josef BAUER, administrator of Donau Dampfschiffahrtsgesellschaft, known to hold good Soviet connections;
- b- Dr. Erich BOCHAJEWICZ (see para. 4);
- c- Dr. Erich BLUMBERG (see para. 2); WEISELY applied for Freemasonry membership at the same time as Dr. JO OTT;
- d- Dr. Rudolf FISCHER, a former Nazi journalist, after 1933 editor-in-chief of "Wiener Neue Freie Presse", now editor-in-chief of the nationalist weekly "Der Fortschritt" at Essen/Munster.